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Joseph Manton

To the King's most Excellent Majesty. —

In humble obedience to Your Majestys commands signified to me by the Right Honorable Richard Ryder one of Your Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, referring to me the annexed Petition of Joseph Manton of Davies Street Berkeley Square in the County of Middlesex Gun Maker, to consider thereof and report my Opinion what may be properly done therein, which Petition sets forth That the Petitioner hath Invented and found out an Improvement in Telescopes which he conceives will be of great public utility That the Petitioner is the first and true Inventor thereof, and the same hath not to his knowledge or belief been used or practised by any other person or persons to the knowledge or Belief of the Petitioner. —

And therefore he most humbly prays — Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to grant unto the Petitioner his Executors Administrators and Assigns Your Majesty's Royal Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain for the sole use Benefit and advantage of his

said Invention within England Wales and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed for the Term of Fourteen Years according to the Statute in that Case made and provided. ——

I humbly beg leave to certify unto Your Majesty that in support of the Allegations — contained in the said Petition, an Affidavit of the Petitioner hath been laid before me, — whereby he maketh Oath and Saith that he hath Invented and found out an Improve=ment in Telescopes which he conceives will be of great public Utility. And the Deponent further saith that he is the first and true Inventor thereof, and that the same hath not been used or practised by any Person or Persons to the Knowledge or Belief of the Deponent. —

Upon consideration whereof, and as it is — entirely at the hazard of the Petitioner whether the invention is new or will have the desired — Success, and as it may be reasonable for Your Majesty to encourage all arts and inventions — which may be for the Public Good. I am humbly of Opinion that Your Majesty may by Your — Royal Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Your United Kingdom, grant to the Petitioner his Executors Administrators and Assigns the sole Use Benefit and Advantage of the said — Invention, within England Wales and the Town of Berwick upon Tweed, for the Term of Fourteen Years, pursuant to the Statute in that Case made and provided, if Your Majesty should be graciously pleased so to do, with the usual Proviso requiring the Petitioner, within such — reasonable time as should be limited in such Letters Patent, to be computed from the date — thereof, to cause a particular description of — his said Invention, and in what manner the same is to be performed, under his hand and Seal, to be inrolled in Your Majesty's High Court of Chancery, otherwise the said Letters — Patent to be void. —

All which I humbly submit to Your Majesty's Royal Wisdom.

Gibbs
Jan^{y} 4th 1810